

Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISORS CONTINUE PUSH TO PROVIDE OPEN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Resolution aims to bring campaign finance reports out of the Courthouse basement

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic has introduced legislation to modernize the way campaign finance reports are handled in Milwaukee County. The resolution, which will be considered by the Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee later this month, calls on the Director of the Milwaukee County Election Commission to develop a plan to implement online filing for candidate registration and campaign finance reports by this fall. The initiative would apply to all County elected officials and candidates.

"This is another way to let more sunshine in to County government. Interested citizens should not have to travel to the Courthouse to access this information," said Supervisor Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman of the County Board's Information Technology Committee, also known as Project TEAM (Technology, Efficiency, Accessibility, Modernization).

The resolution is being co-sponsored by County Supervisors Theodore Lipscomb, Nikiya Q. Harris, Patricia Jursik, John F. Weishan, Jr., and Chris Larson. "The public has a right to view these reports easily and for free, but for too long this information has been hiding in the basement of the courthouse," Supervisor Lipscomb said.

"Milwaukee County is long overdue in posting these reports online, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in providing more open information to the public while reducing paper usage and lowering costs," Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. "The City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin already have systems in place that allow for the electronic access and filing of campaign finance reports."